

DEPARTMENT • OF • WATER • RESOURCES  
**CALIFORNIA WATER PLAN**  
♦ UPDATE 2005 ♦

**SUMMARY OF WORKSHOP COMMENTS**  
**CHINO, CA**

<i>Date:</i>	<b>July 13, 2005</b> 6:00 – 8:00 pm	<i>Location:</i>	<b>Chino</b> Board Room, Building A Inland Empire Utilities Agency 6075 Kimball Ave
<i>Meeting Purpose and Goals:</i>	To hear and record public comment on the Public Review Draft of the California Water Plan Update 2005		
<i>All meeting materials, including the PowerPoint presentation, are available at the California Water Plan website at:</i> <a href="http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm">http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm</a>			

**Presenters:**

**Martha Davis**, Advisory Committee member, Inland Empire Utilities District

**Kamyar Guivetchi**, Manager, Statewide Water Planning, CA Department of Water Resources (DWR)

**Julia Lee**, Facilitator, Center for Collaborative Policy, CA State University, Sacramento

**Introduction: Format and Purpose**

Julia Lee, meeting facilitator, introduced the presenters and DWR staff and welcomed everyone to the CA Water Plan Update 2005 Public Input Workshop in Chino. She thanked the Inland Empire Utilities District for providing the meeting facilities. The purpose of the meeting was for the CA Department of Water Resources (DWR) to receive public input and to share ideas for the Public Review Draft of the CA Water Plan. This workshop was one of two evening meetings held to provide additional opportunities for public comment for people who were unable attend the afternoon sessions in June.

The workshop consisted of 3 presentations by Kamyar Guivetchi (DWR), each followed by opportunities for audience to ask questions. Advisory Committee member Martha Davis from Inland Empire Utilities District spoke on behalf of the CA Water Plan Update 2005 Advisory Committee. Near the end of the meeting, time was reserved to allow individuals to orally present prepared statements

**Part 1 – Agenda Items A and B**

**A) Background & Overview / B) Comments from the Advisory Committee**

This *Water Plan Update* is different than previous updates. It was prepared using a new process. There are many new features in the Water Plan. It will be continually updated as new information becomes available, and it presents a strategic plan and framework for action developed with substantial stakeholder input. Kamyar Guivetchi spoke on the content and strategic planning process used in the Water Plan. Advisory Committee members Martha Davis explained the *Advisory Committee View*, a 4-page handout prepared by the Advisory Committee that summarizes the areas of agreement and points of disagreement among the 65-member Advisory Committee over the last four and a half years, and uncertainties remaining in the Water Plan.

## **Comments / Question and Answer Session:**

**Comment:** It seems like there has been a lot of “every man for himself” with water districts. It sounds like the Water Plan has been trying to get people to work toward the same goal. There are different goals and needs among different agencies. Working together as a whole is probably the first biggest hurdle regardless if talking about additional surface storage or conservation.

### **Q: Is there a work plan to gather the data in the California Water Plan?**

A: In Chapter 4 of Volume 1 (Preparing for Future), we summarize the approach for gathering data for the Water Plan. The analytical framework is laid out in Chapter 4 and the Data & Tools articles in Volume 4: Reference Guide, and we also have a Data and Analytical Tools & Data Workgroup.

A parallel process is the California Water and Environmental Modeling Forum (CWEMF), an association of people interested in CA water analysis. The Water Plan is leveraging resources with different people in the analytical community including CWEMF. CWEMF was initially focused on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta system, but now it has broadened its view. It is working to develop a strategic view of water analysis. CWEMF’s draft strategic plan is in Volume 4 (Reference Guide). Right now there are many tools but not much communication. If there is a strategic view, we can build the blocks together so we all benefit rather than have fragmented development.

## **Part 2 – Agenda Items C and D**

### **C) California Water Today & Water Balance / D) Regional Reports**

It is important for a strategic plan to have a clear description of current conditions and situations. Chapter 3 of Volume 1: Strategic Plan is called “California Water Today.” As the largest chapter in Volume 1 (about 120 pages), it is intended to provide education and reference information. It gives general findings from both statewide and regional perspectives as well as the perspectives of different water use sectors (agriculture, urban, and environment). Volume 3 of the Water Plan has more detailed information on each of the 10 hydrologic regions (plus additional reports for Statewide, Mountain Counties, and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta), covering conditions, challenges, accomplishments, and future opportunities of the Region presented, as well as quantified water balances for supply and use. Kamyar Guivetchi presented the California Water today and statewide water balances.

## **Comments / Question and Answer Session:**

1. There was a question about the reduction of the reuse component in the statewide California Water Balance chart for 2001 (dry year). There was a comment that DWR and local water districts need to agree on terms so that there will be less confusion in future California Water Plans.
2. There was a comment that water conservation is not clearly defined and quantified in the Water Balances. By looking at the balances, people will have difficulties in realizing that the applied water totals include the results of water conservation programs and actions.

3. For the Water Balances, there was a concern whether water districts know how much of their surface runoff and deep percolation amounts actually return to a usable groundwater basin. For the next Water Plan, more discussion is needed on the Water Balances.
4. There was a concern about how useful water balances were to water districts, whether they were worth the time and effort by DWR, and whether they should continue to be done in the future.
  - a. It was pointed out by DWR staff that agricultural water districts who are signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding regarding Efficient Water Management Practices (EWMPs) are required to do water balances when they submit their agricultural water management plans.

### **Part 3 – Agenda Items E and F**

#### **E) Preparing for the Future (Scenarios) / F) Diversifying Responses (Strategies)**

This *Water Plan Update 2005* recognizes that many things may alter water use between now and 2030. For that reason, the *Update* contains a description of several possible future scenarios. Uncertainty about future course or events creates a need for multiple options to address opportunities and challenges. Further, the Plan recognizes that one size does not fit all. Each Region will have specific requirements or needs that may not apply across the entire state. Implementing multiple options (diverse management strategies) allows managers to adapt to a variety of circumstances. Volume 2: Resource Management Strategies has narrative descriptions of 25 different strategies available to water managers to help them reduce water demand, improve operational efficiency and transfers, increase water supply, improve water quality, and practice resource stewardship.

#### **Comments / Question and Answer Session:**

5. A comment was made that the “Scenario Statewide Demand Changes by Sector” statewide bar chart on slide 36 of the PowerPoint presentation was the only chart that shows groundwater overdraft.
6. It was questioned whether DWR had a strategy for water agencies to utilize the Water Plan.
  - a. DWR staff responded by saying that in preparing the Water Plan document, it has solicited and received substantial input from water agencies. Also, DWR executive management is promoting this document much more than before as a strategic planning. Previous Water Plans had been considered more as reference documents.

### **Part 4– Formal Public Comments (in order of presentation):**

Members of the public were welcome to present statements in the formal style of a traditional public hearing. No members of the public registered to speak.

One person commended the effort, saying that it was incredible to finally see things coming together, to read the Plan now, and to think about what lies ahead. Having observed the process over a couple years, it is apparent that much has been done, and it is exciting that the baby steps are making progress.

## **Part 5 – Closing**

Kamyar and Julia thanked the audience for participating in the public comment workshop and for their comments. He reminded everyone that the public review period will last through July 22, to allow for 60 days since the release of the printed Public Review Draft document.

### **Attendance:**

#### **Public:**

Jolene Allred, Eastern Municipal Water District  
Martha Davis, Inland Empire Utilities District  
John Morrison, Public  
Terry Spragg, Terry G. Spragg & Associates  
Eunice Sumi, Public  
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